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Managing works of art in the United Nations

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 48/217 of 23 December 1993, entitled "Managing works of art in the United Nations: report of the Joint Inspection Unit", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to improve the management of works of art in such a manner as to avoid additional costs to the regular budget of the United Nations with due regard to the quality of services being provided.

2. The General Assembly also recommended the strengthening of the Arts Committee of the United Nations by obtaining the advice of local experts in honorary capacities. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it on the subject at its fiftieth session.

3. In that connection, the Secretary-General wishes to recall that in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (A/48/72, annex), the Joint Inspection Unit noted that the works of art in the United Nations shared a need for special care, conservation and protection. In view of that observation and other findings of the Inspectors and taking into account the directives of the General Assembly on the matter, the Secretary-General undertook a review of the in-house capabilities of the Secretariat to improve the management of works of art.

4. The Secretary-General has accordingly determined that responsibility for the management and care of works of art should remain within the Office of

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